

Activity 1: Starting the Journey with Career Clusters



Supplies Needed:

- 5 pieces of chart paper with a question prepared in large print for each (see sample questions below).
- Tape for the walls.
- Markers.
- Sticky notes (medium size).

Directions to Facilitator:

- After they have heard the overview presentation about Career Clusters, refer participants to the questions on the walls around the room. (The questions can also be given to participants on a sheet of paper in addition to having the questions on the walls.)
- Ask each participant to write on individual sticky notes ideas in response to each question (one idea per sticky note).
- Then place the sticky notes on the appropriate chart.
- Allow 10 to 15 minutes for this part of the activity.

Once this first part of the activity has been completed, ask all participants to select one of the questions for further discussion.

- Participants should stand in front of the question they wish to discuss.
- Once all participants have made a selection, the participants for each question should select a group leader and a recorder.
- Within their group, participants discuss the posted responses (they can also add additional ideas) and then select the best five to share.
- Each group leader reports to the larger audience.
- Allow 15 to 20 minutes for this part of the activity.

Small Group Session Sample Questions to Be Put on the Wall:

- What staff development will be needed for your school or college to implement Career Clusters?
- What are the obstacles to implementing Career Clusters, and how can they be overcome?
- What are the benefits of implementing Career Clusters in your school, college, university, or community?
- How can you obtain support for Career Clusters from administrators, instructors, counselors, school board members, business community, students, and parents?
- What steps would you take to implement Career Clusters?